

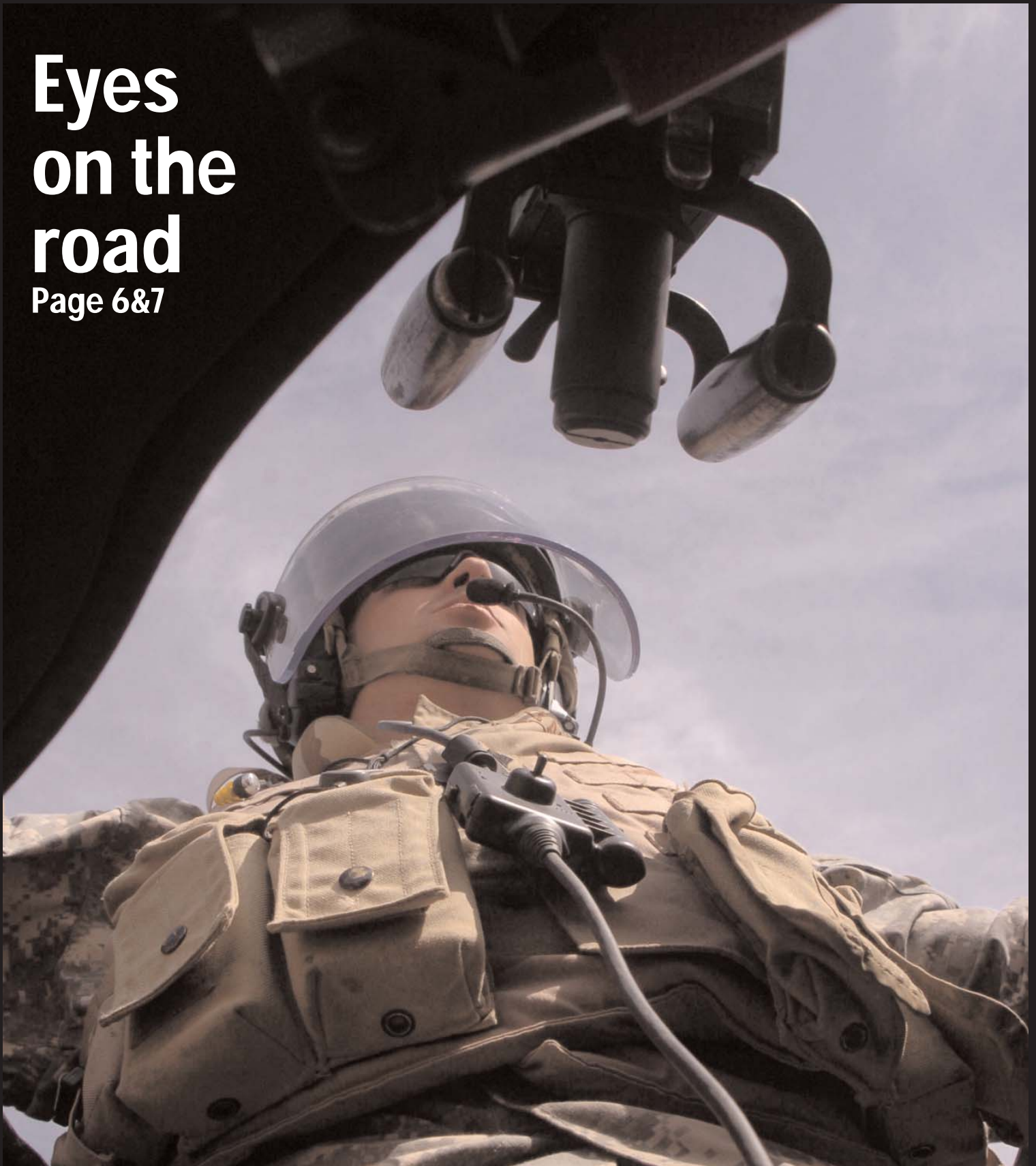
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Spc. Joe Varga, gunner, views the roads of Iraq during a recent convoy mission to Talil Air Base, Iraq, April 9.

# Transformation arrives at Third Army

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## **FORT MCPHERSON, Ga. -**

For some time now, Soldiers and civilians throughout the Army have been hearing terms such as "UEy", "operational sustainment", and "modular forces".

In truth, the Army is transforming, the largest force restructuring since World War II. For Third U.S. Army, transformation began April 1,

"What transformation means for Third Army is a fundamental altering of the functions of a headquarters," said Col. Hank Foresman, chief of Transformation for Third U.S. Army.

Currently, the Army is structured under a Napoleonic style structure, adopted by U.S. Secretary of War Elihu Root in the early 1900's. This system uses the general staff system in which military officers act in an

administrative role under the command of a staff principal, which in many cases is a General Officer. Staff sections are broken up by function such as G1 for personnel and G3 for Operations.

Under the new modular system, staff sections will be organized by warfighting function. This means that sections will be more integrated in order to improve communication and interoperability. For example, the G1, G4 and Surgeon sections will now be combined into one section known as Operational Sustainment. Some functions will have representatives in multiple sections, such as public affairs officers working in Information Operations.

So as far as day to day life is concerned, Transformation at Third Army may mean having to move offices or having a new boss or senior rater. However Transformation also brings with it many big changes that affect

Third Army as a whole.

Third Army, an Army Service Component Commands, will become the Army component of a Regional Combatant Command reporting directly to the Department of the Army. For example, Third Army will be known as U.S. Army Central, while Fifth Army, will be U.S. Army North.

The ASCCs will be capable of assuming the duties of a Joint Task Force or a Joint Force Land Component Command. In order to accomplish this mission, the ASCCs will have regionally focused subordinate commands. Third Army's subordinate commands will be the 1st Theater Support Command (previously the 1st Corps Support Command), 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, 335 Signal Command (Theater) and the 3rd Medical Support Command.

Foresman explained that while this is the largest, most radical

restructuring of the Army in about 60 years, it isn't entirely a foreign concept to Third Army. Many of the concepts for Transformation came from plans enacted by Third Army during the initial stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Officially, transformation begins on June 16, however, explained Foresman, Third Army is beginning the reorganization process on April 1, in order to work out any kinks in the system. Also in the near future, the same changes will happen at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Third Army's forward headquarters.

Throughout all of the changes, Third Army's mission will not change, although Soldiers should expect some growing pains as the unit goes Transformation.

"It's important to remember," Foresman said. "That we are conducting this restructuring while in contact, in a war, and conducting split-based operations."

## *Army fields new model humvee*

**Capt. Michael Hiett**

Radiation Safety Officer

The Army is now fielding new models of the humvee; fresh from the manufacturer in the states, now on the ground at Camp Arifjan and after "dealer preps," they're off to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Every M1151/52 that leaves Camp Arifjan for duty in theater is battle ready as a result the Army Field Support Battalion-Kuwait, in a sense, the Army's in-theater "dealership."

The new numbers, M1151 and M1152, the new two and four-seat variations, incorporate the best of all the previous humvees and some new innovations that make them more versatile and adaptable.

They use the same drive train and suspension from the M1114 and it's similar in appearance to the up-armored variation of the M1114. The big difference is in the armor. The M1151/52 uses a metal composite armor that can be quickly installed and removed by the vehicle crew members.

Armor adds stress to suspension systems in older humvees. The older M1114 up-

armored humvees have permanent armor packages, which can not be removed if the mission changes or if the humvees are moved to different area of operations where the need for greater payload exceeds the need for added armor. A humanitarian relief mission such as last year's hurricanes are an example where the payload needs were greater than the armor needs.

The M1151/M1152 also has other changes; 3 point seat belts, a serpentine fan belt system, ballistic windows that are more resistant to spalling, a noticeably improved air conditioning system, and seats that are designed to absorb the energy generated during a mine blast. All these changes are designed to be a benefit to the crew in one way or another.

The M1151/52 will also support future Army transformation. As technology evolves and better armor is invented it can be fitted to the M1151/52 without major modifications being performed on the vehicles.

These newly-manufactured humvees were designed to replace the older M1025 and M1037 models and augment the up-armored

M1114. Tank and Armament Command has set a target of 500 vehicles fielded per month.

The Army Field Support Battalion – Kuwait will make sure that the target is met; supporting all Soldiers in theater.

The humvees arrive at the port in Kuwait and then are brought to Camp Arifjan where the Coalition Forces Land Component Command decides what configurations are needed in the field. It's then up to the dedicated team of Soldiers, DA civilians, and contractors of the AFSBn-KU to make sure that the vehicles are ready for mission.



Photos by Command Sgt. Maj. Don Peyton

Contractors work to take down one of the large personnel support battalion briefing tents on Pad #2 at Camp Victory in early March.

# Victory's packing up, heading out

**Spc. Robert Adams**

Assistant Editor

The inhabitants of Camp Victory are tearing down and moving out, piece by piece, until there's nothing left but the sand under their feet.

Once all tents, structures, equipment and personnel are gone and all gravel is removed, berms leveled and land inspected, the desert will be turned back over to Kuwait.

Since arriving Aug. 15, the 206th Chemical Battalion has seen Victory at its largest and will leave it at its smallest.

The battalion received an operation order to build Camp Victory from a 12,500-to 17,000-Soldier capacity camp by Dec. 15 to handle the upcoming surge of redeploying troops.

The camp added more than 100 tents (72-person capacity), built a second dining facility, food court, Post Exchange and gym to handle the influx of servicemembers.

Once Victory was at its fullest, the camp got the call to decommission. As the surge died down, the battalion set up a four-phase timeline to completely disassemble and clear the camp.

"The concept was to shrink Victory from the outside in as the troop numbers decreased," said Lt. Col. John Edwards, Victory commander.

"Our goal is to stay a little ahead of the timeline established and approved by Col. Brick T. Miller, Area Support Group – Kuwait commander."

"The staff was flexible to shift gears from a build-up to a tear-down," Edwards said.

In January, the camp started getting rid of

things it didn't need and once the Army surge ended in February, the camp started breaking down, said Command Sgt. Maj. Don Peyton, Victory command sergeant major.

As of April 12, six tent pads, averaging 25 tents per pad, have already been taken apart and moved out.

"As the tents come down on Victory, they go up on different camps," Edwards said.

Also all 11 motor pools are gone as well as all food vendors, one dining facility and one Post Exchange.

In addition, some permanent-party units like the camp's personnel support battalion, finance and Four Corners Soldiers have already left and received new missions on other Kuwait camps and in Iraq.

"The most challenging part of the closure is to tear down the camp while still providing life support to the Marines," Edwards said.

In March 17,500 Marines deployed through Victory and approximately 6,000 will pass through this month all while the camp is packing up.

The last of the Marine surge rolls through this week, before all Marine operations move to Camp Virginia.

Victory is also making sure there isn't any environmental problems before handing the land back over to Kuwait.

Monthly inspections by environmental agencies are done to ensure once an area has been cleared there isn't anything left behind that could affect the environment.

"The environment is critical with the Kuwaitis," Edwards said. "The goal of the environment compliance officer and environment team is to make sure everything is done properly so we don't have to come back and



A laundry/dry cleaning trailer is being loaded onto the truck by contractors to be removed from the camp April 10.

redo any jobs."

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion-7 Seabees are also providing assistance by tearing down berms and disinfecting rocks used in the camp's leach pits, where shower runoff is collected.

Looking ahead to May 1, contractors will start picking up all gravel on the camp, Peyton said.

Then on May 14, the rest of the permanent party moves to Camp Virginia.

The timeline has the land being turned over to the Kuwaitis July 1.

Peyton said, "We want to make sure we get everything done correctly the first time."

# Medical training brings two nations closer

**Spc.**

**Debralee P. Crankshaw**

**CFLCC PAO/11th PAD**

U.S. Soldiers were sent to Kazakhstan to assist the country's medical soldiers in their medical knowledge, but came away with new friends and a closer relationship.

The Coalition Forces Land Component Command surgeon's cell worked to pass medical knowledge on to a military unit in Almaty, Kazakhstan March 27 through 29.

"It's part of an information exchange by both militaries so we can learn from each other and gain some rapport," said Capt. Alejandro Gonzales, CFLCC surgeon cell medical operations officer.

The unit from Kazakhstan is an air mobility command, similar to the 82nd Airborne Division and the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

The unit asked the U.S. military to assist in learning how the Army conducted basic health service support.

The three-day class was given after a briefing about how the Kazakhstanis conduct operations. The class given by the surgeon

cell included an overview of health service support, individual medical reports, aid station operations, airborne and air assault medical support, preventive medicine, the role of the combat lifesaver and the development of training programs.

It also talked about how Soldiers are educated, including health care specialist advanced individual training, professional leadership development course, basic noncommissioned officer course, advanced noncommissioned officer course and officer education.

The American Soldiers were invited to the Kazakhstani motor pool. This was a first time occurrence as far as Gonzales knows. There the Soldiers were asked to help with maintenance and care of five field-litter ambulances the Kazakhstanis purchased.

The visit helped bring the military members of both nations closer and created a better understanding of each other.

"Coincidentally, 10 to 15 years ago they were set to fight us and all our doctrine was written to fight them," said Master Sgt. Michael Myers, medical operations NCO, CFLCC surgeon's cell. "That was the main



*Sgt. 1st Class Michael Myers*

**U.S. Soldiers inspect a field-litter ambulance. The ambulance is one of five the Kazakhstan Army has purchased.**

ice breaker – we were veterans of a war that never happened."

"In such a short period of time we were able to bridge communication barriers and tear down stereotypes of Americans – that we're not a bunch of Rambos," Gonzales added. "They saw us as peers in a professional military."

The Americans were surprised by the knowledge the Kazakhstanis already possessed.

"The visit really helped us understand that their doctrine on health services is really not very different from ours," Gonzales said.

He added, "They have the same types of procedures; the only thing they're lacking is equipment. They know we have

the best equipment to save lives on the battlefield."

The U.S. Army's knowledge was really why the Kazakhstanis asked them for help, according to Gonzales.

"They wanted to know how we conduct health services operations so they could learn from our mistakes, lessons learned and tactics," he said.

The training was also important to help the Kazakhstanis in their transition into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

"It helps them further integrate into NATO," Myers said. "NATO handles health service for ongoing missions to help allied servicemembers receive the same level of care."



## An honor to serve

*Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw*

**Indiana Governor Mitchell E. Daniels Jr. reenlists Cpl. Bernard Prater, Sgt. Scott Drake and Spc. Francisco Verduzco, 1538th Transportation Company (forward) after eating dinner with troops from Indiana Friday at Camp Virginia. Florida Governor Jeb Bush, Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack and West Virginia Governor Joe Manchin III also visited troops from their respective states.**

## Road through Iraq

# Soldiers' journey on highway of hell

**Spc. Michael R. Noggle**

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Units under the 143rd Transportation Command deliver supplies to the service-members stationed in Iraq on a daily basis. Unfortunately, lives have been lost and many have been wounded for their efforts in the Global War on Terrorism.

The Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 12th Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Sill, Okla., have carried out many convoy escort missions traveling throughout the country getting the needed supplies to the warfighter.

Sgt. Nick Tollet, foreign national convoy security commander, Spc. Joe Varga, gunner, Pfc. Josh Richardson, driver, Battery C., 1st Bn., 12th FA, and two other escort truck teams aided 25 white trucks with supplies to two military bases in Iraq in April.

**Saturday** - Starting later than most missions, the Soldiers are loaded and ready for their briefing from Staff Sgt. Randall Keith, convoy commander.

The assignment differs from those Tollet, Varga and Richardson have taken before.

"This should be an interesting mission," Varga said.

He added, "The problem we have with white trucks is keeping them together. Occasionally they'll get mixed with other white trucks on the road and head the wrong direction."

The convoy escort crew arrived at the site to pick up the white trucks. However, there was an issue getting all the required trucks and the scheduled time of departure time wouldn't be until the afternoon.

"Hurry up and wait," Varga said quoting the well-known military phrase. "I just hope we get to Navistar before the chow hall closes."

To ease the burden, Richardson uploads his collection of Metallica and Tool tunes from his makeshift sound system inside the humvee. Knowing there would be a long wait, the Soldiers had learned to come prepared.

The music serves as a relaxing tool, as does reading, to pass the time, Tollet said. Very few of these Soldiers travel without music or laptops.

However, once on the road, the music turns off and the focus is on.

The convoy and its trucks arrived to Navistar where they would stage for the



**(Far right) Staff Sgt. Randall Keith, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 12th Field Artillery Regiment, convoy commander, briefs his nine-Soldier team prior to leaving Camp Arifjan, April 8.**

night. A sigh of relief for Tollet who thought there may have been complications.

"I'm more worried about losing a truck in Kuwait than Iraq," he said. "The traffic causes an issue."

"It becomes confusing for the white trucks with the Kuwaiti drivers weaving in and out of traffic," Varga said.

He added, "Not only that but there are other white trucks with different convoys on the road. All we want ours to do is follow the truck in front of them."

When they reached the final stop before entering Iraq, Tollet turned in the drivers' passports to the Kuwait border's movement control team while Varga and Richardson refueled the humvee and restocked the cooler.

After a long first day, the crew made its final preparations for the next day and crashed for the night.

**Sunday** - To get the morning started, Varga got his morning cup of coffee and mounted the .50-caliber machine gun on top of the humvee. Richardson made his final checks on the vehicle to ensure there were no mechanical issues, while Tollet woke the truck drivers and collected their paperwork from the MCT.

Prior to departure, Keith gave the crew their convoy briefing. He informed the team of a truck that was hijacked days earlier in a village right across the border.

"Gentlemen, if we get a truck hijacked then we have failed our mission," he said. "If anyone gets on the truck, you have my blessing to react."



**Pfc. Josh Richardson, driver, checks the oil on his vehicle while the convoy escort team waits to leave for Navistar.**

No more than five miles across the border children flocked from their homes hoping to receive a gift from the travelers as trucks drove by.

"And we're off, like a herd of turtles," Richardson said.

Traveling slowly through the pedestrian



*Photos by Spc. Michael R. Noggle*

**Sgt. Nick Tollet, foreign national convoy security commander, checks the convoy route on his vehicle's computer. Tollet stayed active on the radio and computer throughout the journey to and from Talil Air Base.**

area, the trucks moved unscathed and continue their journey.

"Everything I know about this vehicle starts from the roof up," Varga said jokingly.

Varga spends many convoys as the gunner to accommodate his height. He is depended upon heavily by his fellow Soldiers to be their eyes and alert them of any threats.

The traffic flows in all directions, he said. Lots of times, cars going south will be on the northbound lane and vice versa.

Every few minutes, vehicles pulled over to the side of the highway. Without taking any chances, the lead escort truck informed the convoy to be vigilant and prepared for anything.

"I don't take any chances out on these roads," Richardson said. "I avoid the potholes and garbage on the road as well as the automobiles on the side."

The convoy is no more than a few miles

from the front gate of their first stop. Men, women and children flocked from their tents as the vehicles approach.

"They come out like gophers," Richardson said about the people who suddenly appeared.

"Get back," he yelled to the lurking civilians.

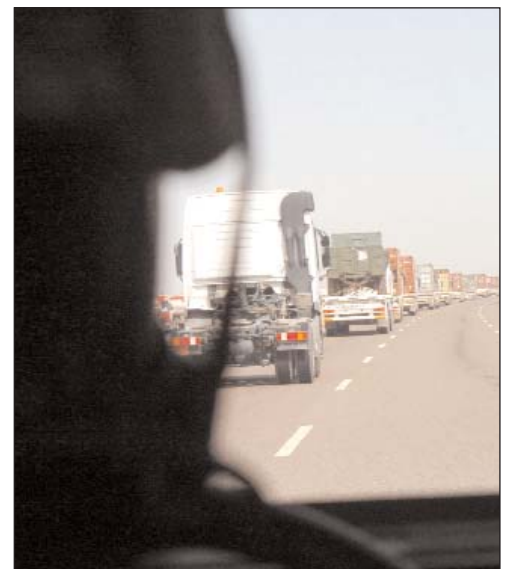
Richardson keeps his eyes on the front; Tollet clears to the right as Varga maintains observation to the rear and left side.

"These were great guys to work with," Tollet said of Richardson and Varga. "They do things without being told and get the mission done."

Although this mission is complete there are many more ahead.

"We could get another mission the day after we get back to Camp Arifjan," Tollet said.

He added, "We have to be ready for anything."



**The 25 white trucks going to Talil were for the 1st Battalion, 34th BCT. All trucks safely arrived and returned to Iraq.**



Photos by Spc. Robert Adams

Rolando Colon (center) pushes to the tape in the 29-and-under 200-meter dash at the ASG - Ku Track Meet at Camp Arifjan April 9.

# Troops sprint to victory at ASG - Ku Track Meet

**Spc. Robert Adams**

Assistant Editor

Speed was of the essence at the Area Support Group - Kuwait Track Meet as troops competed to see where they stood among Kuwait's fastest at Camp Arifjan April 8 and 9.

The track meet featured close finishes in the individual and team relay sprinting event and a few individuals ran away with the gold in every event they entered.

The competitors, who were limited to three events, were broken down into males and females 29-and-under and 30-and-over age groups.

Some performers like Lakicia Cooke, the top female performer from the Nov. 13 Veteran's Day Invitational Track and Field Meet, grew up around track and field. In this competition, Cooke won the 200-meter dash in 26.86 seconds and anchored the winning 1,600-meter and 400-meter relay teams.

For runners like 30-and-over female, Amanda Azubuike, this meet was one of the first times competing on a track.

Azubuike did well in her debut by sweeping the 100-, 400- and 800-meter running events, winning the latter two events against 29-and-under competitors as well.

Azubuike said she wanted to see where she was speed-wise since her running is geared to long distance.

Her 14.56 seconds in the 100-meter, 1:10 seconds in the 400-meter, and 2:40 in the 800-meter run proved she has speed as well as endurance.

"It's cool to see that the training I do at my age pays off," Azubuike said. "It's personally satisfying to see I can still go out there and have fun."

Another runner who matched his most valuable player performance in the November track meet was Jose Solis. "I was able to train better and knew what to expect," said Solis, who, at 40 years old, was competing against troops up to 10 years younger.

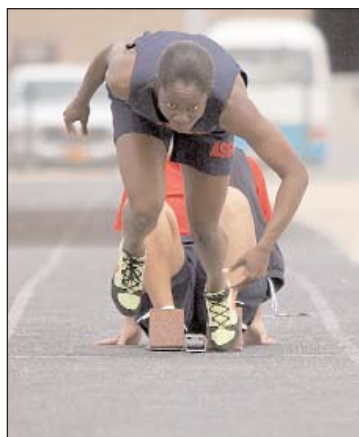
He proved that age wasn't an issue by winning the 400-meter dash in 59.21 and the 800-meter run in 2:14, a time that even topped the 29-and-under runners.

"It was challenging ... I had to keep up all my senses to avoid any surprises," Solis said.

The fastest man of the meet was Barron Coleman. Coleman, who hadn't run track since high school in 2000, won the 100-meter dash in 11.28 seconds.

"It feels good to win this time," Coleman said, after placing fourth in the 100-meter dash at the November Track Meet.

Coleman also finished second



**Lakicia Cooke bolts out of the starting blocks during the 200-meter dash. Cooke won the race easily in 26.86 seconds.**

in the 200-meter dash in 23.82, behind Rolando Colon who ran an incredible 22.03.

"The 200 meter is my strongest event," Colon said. "The adrenaline got me going... The guy running on my right (Coleman) helped push me harder."

In the female 29-and-under 100-meter dash, Carla Mansfield took top honors with a 14.19. Mansfield and the rest of the ASG - Ku female sprinters spent a lot of training time on the track learning from Cooke.

"We did sprint drills to get us ready for the competition," Mansfield said.

Mansfield, who hasn't run since high school, said at first she didn't think she still had it in her.



**Alsherdan Lopez, Team KNB, sprints down the final stretch of the 1,600-meter relay.**

"When you are a competitor, you always look to be a winner," Mansfield said. "If there is a competition, I am in it."

The team relay events brought the crowd to its feet in both the 29-and-under male 1,600-meter and 400-meter team relay events.

In the 1,600-meter relay, a Kuwait Naval Base team took gold in 3:50 seconds after they opened up a huge lead over ASG - Ku.

Then, in the last event of the day, the KNB team repeated its winning ways in the 400-meter relay finishing in 47.94 seconds, barely clipping "Perfect Combination," who finished in 48.12.

## CFLCC enters 21st century

# Easier ways to logon to network

**Spc. Michael R. Noggle**

CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

The Department of Defense is using a faster, more secure way for servicemembers and civilians to gain access to military networks.

Since the middle of February, Coalition Forces Land Component Command C-6 has worked with other signal units throughout Kuwait to allow users on its domain with only the Common Access Card Crypto-graphic Logon.

The CACCL requires users to enter a personal identification number instead of the standard username and password for entry. Because the CAC and personal identification number are unique to their owner, the risk of unauthorized access to a workstation or an Army network is greatly reduced.

"This is a DoD-mandated program that is required for CFLCC area of responsibility," said Maj. Rodney Duncan, CFLCC C-6 information assurance officer.

The CACCL will happen in phases, begin-

ning with all DoD civilians, servicemembers and eligible contractors getting to the personnel services detachments to receive a PIN.

Everyone must have a PIN in order to log in. There are also three certificates on the CAC that are required in order for the process to work.

Phase two, which is presently in progress, is the push of software through the network by system administrators.

"Once that is installed there is work on the system administrator side to prepare the servers for CACCL," Duncan said.

He added, "Invisible work to the user, but a lot of preparation going on behind the scenes."

The deadline for all DoD servicemembers and civilians to use the CAC logon is July 31.

"This process will take time," Duncan said. "We will start with the smaller camps in early June and finish with Camp Arifjan.... There is a lot of administrator work to be done before implementation."

**Frequently asked questions from information management officers:**

*I have foreign military and contractors in my unit without a CAC, what are they to do?*

Depending on their contract, some contractors may already have a CAC due to their position. Other contractors and foreign military will be placed into a special login group that will have access to the network.

*What about incoming personnel? When will they have to get their card updated?*

Incoming personnel and units should get their cards' PIN and certificates updated at their PSD before deploying.

*How do you put the CAC in the computer?*

Some systems will have a CAC reader built into the side. If there are systems that don't have the required reader, CFLCC C-6 will have readers available for property book officers to sign for. The unit may also purchase readers.

*I need training on what is going on and what I need to do, where do I get help?*

For more information on the CACCL in Kuwait, contact Capt. Christopher Hosmer, CFLCC C-6, or Sgt. 1st Class Steven Gooden, CFLCC C-6.

## Albania troops take pit-stop in Kuwait

**Spc. Janine Coogler**

CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

Troops, exhausted from their missions and convoy from Iraq, took a pit-stop at Camp Virginia before heading home.

After six months in Iraq, more than 115 Albanian soldiers from the 1st Commando Regiment began their redeployment April 4.

"We've completed our mission, so now it's time to go home," said Albanian Capt. Maim Dani, Commando Regiment deputy commander.

Comprising basic infantry troops and two teams of Special Forces soldiers, the Albanian Regiment cooperated with U.S. Soldiers to conduct force protection for several forward operating bases.

Albanian troops' missions entailed joint operations to conduct guard tower duty, mounted

patrols and entry-control points.

The Albanian soldiers were specially trained to conduct their missions, Dani said.

Before coming to Iraq, all Albanian soldiers go through extensive mission-specific training.

"We go through scenarios similar to our missions in Iraq and are trained by

American Special Forces Soldiers," Dani added. "We have professional soldiers who volunteered to come over here. More than 50 percent of the Albanian soldiers were in Iraq for the second time."

The knowledge from the veteran soldiers helped keep morale high and missions successful, he said.

Some of the soldiers received minor injuries in 2004 from improvised explosive devices but they were proud to have the opportunity to serve and volunteered for their second tour.

Before leaving Iraq, Albanian soldiers gave their replacements

information to help conduct missions.

"We gave them the basic brief-

*Albanian Capt. Maim Dani*

ing on how to behave, what to expect from the culture, their duties and showed them the high risk areas," Dani said.

During the stop in Kuwait, Albanian soldiers rested while their command ensured all the details were complete.

Working with Task Force Gator, Dani said he ensured all troops and equipment were

accounted for, properly shipped and prepared to go home.

Because Albanian soldiers did not spend a lot of time in Kuwait, TF Gator officers helped in the coordination of flights, transportation from Iraq to Kuwait and to the airport, said Capt. Nelson Ramos, TF Gator officer.

The Albanian soldiers were focused on their mission in Iraq, Dani said.

"We worked hard, made great friends with the American Soldiers we worked with and are proud to have served," he said.

Contributing to the effort of keeping FOBs safe in Operation Iraq Freedom, the Albanian soldiers returned home with their heads high, Dani said.

He added, "I bet they would volunteer a third time, because they are dedicated, and understand the importance of their work."

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(Left) Soldiers take pictures during the New England Patriot Cheerleaders' performance.

(Right) The Patriot Cheerleaders perform a routine to pump up the troops on Arifjan.

Photos by Chuck Sprague



# Patriotic performers entertain troops in Kuwait

## Greenwood headlines world tour

**Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw**  
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Patriotic World Tour performers showed love for their country by entertaining troops at Camp Arifjan April 9.

The entertainers of the tour included Restless Heart, Dick Hardwick, the New England Patriot Cheerleaders and the Air Force Reserve Band with Lee Greenwood headlining the event.

"Everyone signed on to the tour with the same attitude – not only is this a great opportunity to perform for the troops, but also to see a part of the world we've never seen before," Greenwood said.

The cheerleaders performed routines throughout the show to keep the crowd pumped up. The Air Force Reserve Band sang a variety of top pop songs. The singers took this time to go out in the crowd and dance with members of the audience.

Restless Heart performed some of its number one hits. They were soon joined by the cheerleaders, who helped them out with a little dancing and playful air guitar.

Comedian Dick Hardwick told the audience jokes when he wasn't playing the jaw harp.

After Hardwick spread laughs throughout the audience, Lee Greenwood took the stage performing a variety of songs including *God Bless the U.S.A.*

To complete the show, all the performers took the stage and sang *God Bless America*.

"The show was pretty good," said Spc.

Jeremy Thibodeaux, 377th Theater Support Command information systems operator. "Lee Greenwood has some good songs out and the cheerleaders were great."

The veteran performer, Greenwood, has been performing for troops since he was 14. This is his 18th tour. He has visited Panama, Europe, the North Atlantic and many cities in the United States.

Greenwood said he keeps coming back because he appreciates the troops and thinks it's important to show his support.

While on the tour, he missed his anniversary and one of his son's birthdays.

Missing those events is worth it because it brings him closer to the troops, Greenwood said.

"I'm a little hesitant to leave over the next two or three years because my teenage boys will need me a lot. The priority, I think, is serving the nation," he said.

Most troops say they return the sentiment of appreciation.

"I got a chance to talk to them and they're really good people – very outgoing," Thibodeaux said about meeting the performers. "I'm glad they had the courage to come out and do this because most people won't."

According to Greenwood, performing in front of the military is different from in the states because there are fewer families so the focus is to allow the troops to have a good time.

"When you go into a warzone all you want to do is take their minds off it – just for a little bit," Greenwood said.



Lee Greenwood plays "Tequila" during the Patriotic World Tour April 9.

He added, "It's about bringing some American beauties from the mainland and some of us ugly guys as well. It's a wonderful exchange of American culture to Americans and any of our allies."

The tour visited Iraq prior to making the trip here and went on to Qatar following their show. This was Greenwood's first visit to Kuwait.

# Community

## happenings for April 19 through April 26

### All Al Salem

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### Arifjan

#### Wednesday

Bingo, 7 p.m., Zone 6 Community Center  
Pull-up competition sign-up, through Friday, Zones 1 and 6 Fitness Centers  
Deadlift competition sign-up, through April 28, Zones 1 and 6 Fitness Centers  
Softball league, through April 30  
Rock and Roll Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Country Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage  
Core Abs, 6 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center

#### Thursday

Ballroom dance class, 8 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center  
Country Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center  
Old School/R&B Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage  
The Ride, 6 p.m., Zone 1 Fitness Center  
Extreme Kickboxing, 6 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center

#### Friday

Pool tournament, 9-ball, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center  
Latino Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Hip-Hop Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage  
Core Abs, 6 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center

#### Saturday

Pull-up competition, 7 p.m., Zone 1 track  
Hip-Hop Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

The Ride, 6 p.m., Zone 1 Fitness Center  
Core Abs, 6 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center

#### Sunday

Old School Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Salsa Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage  
Karate, 7 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center

#### Monday

Karaoke Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Karate, 7 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center

#### Tuesday

Bingo Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center  
Singing in the Shower Karaoke, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage  
Ballroom dance class, 8 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

The Ride, 6 p.m., Zone 1 Fitness Center  
Extreme Kickboxing, 6 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness

Center

#### Wednesday

Texas Hold 'em Poker, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Rock and Roll Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Country Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage  
Core Abs, 6 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center

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### Buehring

#### Wednesday

Weekly fun run, 5 p.m., Zone 2 Green Beans  
Texas Hold 'em tournament, 7 p.m., Oasis  
Softball league, through April 30

#### Thursday

Pool tournament, 8-ball, 7 p.m., Events tent

#### Friday

Bingo Night, 7:30 p.m., Events tent  
Deadlift competition, 5 p.m., Gym

#### Saturday

Team Feud, 7 p.m., Oasis

#### Sunday

Water balloon dodgeball, 3 p.m., Volleyball courts

RC Monster truck races, 6 p.m., Udayri  
Speedway

#### Monday

Phase 10 tournament, 7 p.m., Oasis

#### Tuesday

Dominoes tournament, 7 p.m., Palms

#### Wednesday

Kite flying day, 10 a.m., Palms  
Weekly fun run, 5 p.m., Zone 2 Green Beans  
Halo, 7 p.m., Palms

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828-1340**

### Kuwait Naval Base

#### Wednesday

Step Class, 6 p.m., Aerobics Room  
Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

#### Thursday

Latin Dance Night, 7 p.m., Aerobics Room  
Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

#### Friday

Spin Class, 6 p.m., Aerobics Room  
Bingo Night, 7 p.m., MWR stage  
Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

#### Saturday

Tae Kwon Do, 6 p.m., Aerobics Room  
Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

#### Sunday

Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

#### Monday

Spin Class, 6 p.m., Aerobics Room  
Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

#### Tuesday

Latin Dance Night, 7 p.m., Aerobics Room  
Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

#### Wednesday

Step Class, 6 p.m., Aerobics Room  
Spades double contest, 7 p.m., Recreation Center

Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

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### LSA

**For information call 859-1060**

### Navistar

**For information call 844-1137**

### Spearhead/SPOD

**For information call 825-1302**

### Victory

#### Wednesday

Kuwait City Tour, 8 a.m., Al Kout Mall

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### Virginia

#### Wednesday

Poker Night, 7 p.m., Community Center  
Country Night, 8 p.m., Dusty Room

#### Thursday

Pool, 9-ball, 7 p.m., Community Center  
Karaoke Night, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

#### Friday

Pingpong tournament, 7 p.m., Community Center

Karaoke Night, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

#### Saturday

Softball tournament, 11 a.m., softball field  
R&B/Hip-Hop Night, 8 p.m., Dusty Room

#### Sunday

Softball tournament, 11 a.m., softball field  
Old School Jams, 8 p.m., Dusty Room

#### Monday

Uno Night, 7 p.m., Community Center

#### Tuesday

Bingo, 7 p.m., Community Center

#### Wednesday

Foosball, 7 p.m., Community Center  
Country Night, 8 p.m., Dusty Room

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# Daniels Band fiddles through Middle East

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